

JAPAN'S RULER DEAD

MUTSUHITO PASSES AWAY FROM ILLNESS, WHICH HAS BEEN ACUTE SEVERAL DAYS.

FAMILY ARE AT BEDSIDE

Emperor's Death is Sadly Mourned by His Subjects—Country Has Prospered Under His Reign—Crown Prince Yoshihito Ascends Throne.

Tokyo, Japan, July 31.—Tuesday at 12:43 a. m. Mutsuhito, emperor of Japan, died. Acute nephritis was given as the cause of death. The crown prince, Yoshihito, has succeeded to the throne. The crowds outside the palace continued to increase all through the night and numbered at least 10,000 persons at the hour of the mikado's death.

The emperor had been unconscious since dawn Monday morning. From that hour his respiration had become continually more feeble. He passed away in the presence of the members of the imperial family and the ministers of state.

The crown prince was overcome. He remained at the palace in consultation with the ministers of state, arranging for the imperial funeral and for the conduct of state affairs. The edict announcing Yoshihito's succession to the throne will be published as soon as possible.

All the imperial princes, who had been within the vicinity of the emperor's palace since the beginning of the serious period of his illness July 19, were summoned to the sick chamber Monday evening and remained there until death came.

Mutsuhito, emperor of Japan, possessed a personality of which little is generally known. Of a quiet, unassuming nature, yet possessed of a will of iron, he accomplished great reforms. As a statesman he commanded the respect of the nations of the world. As a leader of his people in peace and war he was both loved and feared. To his virtues they attributed the victories over their enemies by land and sea. To his wisdom they credited the advance of ancient Japan to a place in the front rank of nations. His reign began in 1867 and outlasted that of all except two or three living monarchs.

Washington, July 31.—The president sent the following telegram to the new Japanese emperor: "On the sad occasion of the death of his majesty, the Emperor Mutsuhito, your illustrious father, I offer to your majesty my most profound sympathy and that of the government and people of the United States.

"Accept my good wishes for a long and prosperous reign and the continuance of the welfare of the Japanese empire. WILLIAM H. TAFT."

DARROW TAKES THE STAND

Tells Court He Gave Bert Franklin \$1,000 On October 6 for Legitimate Business.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 31.—Clarence S. Darrow, who is on trial for the alleged bribery of jurors in the McNamara trial, went on the witness stand Monday.

Just before adjournment Darrow testified emphatically that he gave no \$1,000 check to Bert Franklin on October 6. He stated that he did give him a check, "just as I gave him checks before and after that date in the regular course of business, for legitimate purposes."

REFUSES TO LIBERATE THAW

Justice Rules That Slayer of White Is Still Dangerous to Public Peace and Safety.

White Plains, N. Y., July 29.—The decision of Justice Keogh, given on Friday, denying liberty to Thaw in his third effort to escape from Matteawan asylum was brief. It held that the applicant had not proved his sanity and ordered his return to the Matteawan asylum for the insane, from which he was taken when the writ of habeas corpus was sworn out.

Justice Keogh said: "My whole duty is fully performed when I decide the single question presented for decision, merely, is Harry K. Thaw at present sane or insane and would his release be dangerous to the public peace and safety?"

Collector Defies MacVeagh. Washington, July 27.—Secretary MacVeagh has received the formal refusal of Joseph O. Thompson to resign as collector of internal revenue for Alabama and Mississippi. He was asked to resign by Mr. MacVeagh.

Beveridge to Be Chairman. Chicago, July 27.—Albert J. Beveridge, former senator from Indiana, has left the Republican party and will be temporary chairman of the national Progressive party convention in Chicago.

Claude Allen Convicted. Wytchville, Va., July 30.—Claude Allen, one of the Hillsville outlaws, was convicted here Saturday of murder in the first degree for the killing of Commonwealth Attorney William M. Foster.

ACCUSED RUN AGAIN

DETROIT ALDERMEN, UNDER BOND, SEEK SEATS ANEW.

Safe of Council Committee Clerk Edward Schreiter is Forced and Papers Taken Out.

Detroit, Mich., July 30.—All of the aldermen under arrest on the charge of accepting money for their votes in a street closing case will be before their constituents for re-election according to the list of primary candidates when time had expired here for filing of petitions.

By direction of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Janowski the safe in the office of Council Committee Clerk Edward Schreiter, Jr., was forced open by a lock expert. When the authorities left the office they carried a bundle of papers taken out of the safe with them.

Alderman Patrick O'Brien was released from custody and the charge against him withdrawn.

The following aldermen appeared in the police court and were remanded for arraignment tomorrow, each giving bail in the sum of \$5,000:

Louis Tossy, Louis Brozo, Andrew Walsh, David Rosenthal, Martin I. Ostrowski, Alois Deimel, Joseph Theisen and Frank J. Mason.

Thomas Gilmon, president of the council, and E. R. Schreiter, Jr., secretary of the council committee, were also held for arraignment Tuesday, and each furnished \$5,000 bonds. Mr. Schreiter was refused bail.

FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

Pittsburg, Pa., July 27.—The county of Fayette, sixty miles south of here, that was swept by a series of cloudbursts, began to count its loss Thursday. At least nineteen lives were lost, 14 in the Polocast mine near Evans Station, three drowned at Lemont No. 2 mine when the creek broke through the roof and flooded the workings. A boy fell into the flooded street at Dunbar and was drowned.

Philadelphia, July 29.—President Taft entered his prize cow, Pauline Wayne, in the annual show of the Pennsylvania Cattle Show association, to be opened at Devon September 12. He is honorary head of the association.

RECALL INDORSED IN IOWA

Initiative and Referendum Also Favored in Platform of Democrats.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., July 27.—Iowa Democrats put the principles of the initiative and referendum into practice when, on Thursday night, just before adjournment of the state convention, it was decided unanimously to submit the platform as it was adopted to the referendum vote of the rank and file of the party.

In addition to the platform, the convention utilized its final session in nominating two candidates for the supreme court, Maurice O'Connor of Fort Dodge, and John E. Craig of Lee county. O'Connor was named on the second and Craig on the third ballot from a field of ten aspirants.

The platform favors the initiative and referendum, direct nomination of all officers through primary elections; the presidential primary plan; demands the election of national and state committeemen by direct vote and that such committeemen assume authority upon receipt of certificate of election; favors government ownership of telegraph and telephone companies, physical valuation of railroads, employers' liability act and woman suffrage.

O. K. THE TAFT NOMINATION

Reply to Charges That President "Stole the Nomination at Chicago" is Made Public.

Washington, July 30.—The long expected and carefully prepared answer of the Taft faction to the reiterated charges that the president "stole the nomination at Chicago" was issued from the White House Sunday. It is the longest and probably the most complete political statement ever put out from the executive mansion.

"An examination of the facts" concludes the statement, "shows that the tribunals were right in every instance. There is not the slightest evidence that they were moved by other than a mere desire to reach a right conclusion. On the other hand, the action of the Roosevelt men in bringing 180 contests that they promptly abandoned strongly tended to show the lack of good faith in the prosecution of all of them. Those who support President Taft can well afford to stand on the record in these cases."

Balloon Uncle Sam Wins Race. Kansas City, July 31.—The balloon Uncle Sam, Capt. H. E. Honeywell, pilot, and R. F. Donaldson, aid, representing the Kansas City Aero club, won on Monday the national elimination race starting from Kansas City.

Standard Oil Worth Billion. New York, July 31.—The old stock of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, which includes all the subsidiaries, sold on the curb Monday for \$1,000 a share. At this figure the market valuation is \$1,000,000,000.

DEAD RULER OF JAPAN



Emperor Mutsuhito.

PASS SUGAR BILL

SENATE ADOPTS MEASURE THAT WILL REDUCE TARIFF DUTY ON COMMODITY.

Would Cut Revenue \$5,500,000—As Adopted is a Compromise Between the Lodge Plan and That Advocated by Senator Bristow.

Washington, July 30.—The first purely Republican revision measure of the present congress, a Republican sugar tariff bill, was passed in the senate Saturday night.

The sugar bill was a compromise between the Lodge plan, endorsed by the regular Republicans, and the Bristow bill, behind which the progressives lined up. It would cut the present sugar duty of \$1.90 to \$1.60; would abolish the Dutch standard, under which practically no refined sugar can be imported, and would abolish the 7 1/2 cent "refiners' differential," an additional duty on refined sugar, which, it is claimed, has accrued directly to the profit of the sugar refiners.

It is estimated that the sugar tariff reduction, if it becomes effective, will reduce government customs receipts about \$5,500,000, while its saving in the retail sugar bill of the nation is estimated at \$20,000,000.

The Democratic free sugar bill passed by the house did not come to vote in the senate. The Bristow-Lodge amendment was first adopted in the committee of the whole by a vote of 37 to 25. Senators Thornton and Foster of Louisiana, Democrats, voting with the Republicans.

INDICT BECKER FOR MURDER

Police Officer Arrested and Sent to Tombs Charged With Planning Rosenthal Assassination.

New York, July 31.—Police Lieutenant Charles A. Becker was indicted by the grand jury, arrested, arraigned, and sent to the Tombs Monday night on the charge of having ordered and planned the assassination of Gambler Herman Rosenthal, who was shot down by assassins in front of the New Metropolitan hotel 14 days ago.

The indictment charges murder in the first degree and comes as a result of confessions made by "Jack" Rose, "Bridgy" Webber and Harry Vallon.

To Investigate Hard Coal Prices. Washington, July 31.—The house adopted a resolution Monday calling upon the secretary of commerce and labor to inquire into the different elements of cost and profit included in the present high price of anthracite.

Four Drowned in Kankakee River. Kankakee, Ill., July 30.—Four young people were drowned in the Kankakee river about four miles below this city, Sunday. Two bodies have been recovered and the river is being dragged for the remaining two bodies.

BEEF PLAN IS O. K'D

VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION OF TRUST IS ACCEPTED.

U. S. Decides to Cancel Threatened Civil Suit, but Insists That Active Competition Be Revived.

Washington, July 29.—The beef trust, which the government has fought for ten years, is no longer in existence in the opinion of the department of justice.

Attorney General Wickersham on Friday accepted the plan proposed by the packers for the voluntary dissolution of the National Packing company, a holding concern owned by the Morris, Swift and Armour packing companies.

The attorney general decided also that the department of justice will not institute the civil dissolution suit which it had threatened to file.

Here are the other things he did: Accepted the assurances of the packers that active competition will be revived.

Insured them that as soon as it develops competition is being restrained further prosecution will be started.

Called their attention to an injunction order affirmed by the Supreme court of the United States in 1908 prohibiting the Morris, Swift and Armour packing companies from combining to restrain trade.

MINORITY MAKES ITS REPORT

Conclusion of Republican Members of Stanley Steel Committee is Given Out—Opinions Differ.

Washington, July 30.—The federal incorporation of all concerns engaged in interstate commerce whose capitalization of value exceeds \$50,000,000, is the keynote recommendation of the minority members of the Stanley steel investigation committee. The report of the Republican members of the investigating committee was made public Sunday.

The full report is signed only by Representatives Gardner and Danforth. The remaining Republican members, Representatives Sterling and Young of Michigan file individual dissents on the exact character of remedial legislation needed.

Messrs. Sterling and Young agree with their Republican colleagues that federal incorporation is a remedy for present industrial evils, but they decline to go so far as to recommend the federal regulation of prices, which Gardner and Danforth advocate in the event the situation cannot otherwise be met.

Fined \$10 for Swearing. Milwaukee, Wis., July 31.—Richard Alward of Chicago experienced a taste of Milwaukee justice Monday when he was fined \$10 and costs for swearing on a street car. Complaint was made by women on the car.

VALUES ARE HIGHER!

ALL BUT TWO COUNTIES SEND REPORTS TO BOARD.

THE LEVY RAISES MUCH CASH

Should Reduction Be Made By Half Mill, Returns Would Equal Previous Years.

All but two counties have now reported to the secretary of the state board of assessment. These two counties are Box Butte and Custer. Dodge county reported last week, showing an increase of over \$1,000,000, the assessed valuation this year being \$9,538,824 as against \$8,491,441 last year, making an increase of \$1,047,383.

With the two counties to hear from this makes the assessed valuation of the state \$56,437,517. Counting the two counties yet to hear from same as last year the assessed valuation of the state this year will be \$46,703,405. A 5-1-2 milla levy, same as last year, would raise a revenue of \$2,837,361 against \$2,577,154 last year.

The increased valuation of the state may result in a lower levy and the board may cut off the one-fifth per cent. Should it decide to go even farther than that and make the levy one-half cent, lower the state would still have a larger income than was received last year.

Later—Custer county has now reported to the board of assessment, leaving but one county now to complete the state. Custer shows a falling off from last year of \$17,765, the assessment for this year being \$7,295,484 against \$7,313,240 last year.

PARDON IS DENIED.

Clarence Gathright, serving a sentence of twenty years for complicity in the murder of Joe Flury, an Omaha street car conductor, has been turned down by the state board of pardons. He asked for a pardon, but the board submitted a report to Governor Aldrich recommending that no clemency be shown Gathright.

Clark, a negro who was alleged to be the prime mover in the murder, was hanged. Governor Sheldon refusing to commute his sentence to life imprisonment. Wain, the third man convicted of the same crime, is serving a life sentence. Gathright according to a letter of the prosecuting attorney, testified in regard to the killing of the conductor and on account of his testimony the state was able to convict.

PARDON FOR WHITNEY.

Charles Allen Whitney, sent to the penitentiary on a charge of bigamy committed in Plattsmouth and other places, and who had his trial before Judge Travis, has been granted a pardon by Governor Aldrich on recommendation of the judge who sentenced him. Whitney deserted his wife and two children and went to Nebraska City, where he married a Mrs. Backus.

RATE ON CANNED GOODS.

The state railway commission has authorized a rate of 14 cents on canned goods from Kearney to Lincoln and Omaha, minimum weight 20,000 pounds. The rate is established for the benefit of a new canning factory soon to begin business.

SEEKING INFORMATION.

Four hundred and fifty municipalities of the state have received letters sent by Director Sheldon of the legislative reference bureau and asking for detailed information with regard to local problems and the solution of difficulties presented to officials.

TOLL RATES AT GRAND ISLAND.

The railway commission has issued an order authorizing the Nebraska Telephone company to reduce its toll rates between Grand Island and Chapman from 15 cents to 10 cents and to establish a flat rate of 25 cents a month to all subscribers of either the Grand Island or Chapman exchange for toll service.

WOULD LEAVE DIPLO WARD.

Albert Paulson of Pierce, and W. A. Simmonds of Cass county, were before the county judge of Lancaster county Thursday on an application to be released from the asylum. Both men are serving short terms in the dipso ward and claim that they have been obliged to occupy the same ward with insane patients.

HANSEN GETS BUSY.

Food Commissioner Hansen will begin proceedings on some of the food powder companies which have not paid their annual license fee for two years. These delinquent companies have been waiting to hear from the courts as to the constitutionality of the law.

IS TO LAND VALUES.

Railroads Have Some Complaints to Make.

The hearing held recently, says the Lincoln Journal, by the state board of assessment was intended to be for railroad tax commissioners who desired to protest against increases in the valuation of railroad property in cities and villages, listed for local taxation under the terminal taxation law, but the railroad men took occasion to protest against the under valuation of farm lands listed under the general taxation law. The railroad men thus killed two birds with one stone. A long list of counties was thus added to the list complained of by County Assessor Blessing of Nemaha county and County Assessor Bernacker of Seward county who had complained that twenty-five or more counties had under valued lands for assessment and who asked the state board to increase values in the counties complained of or reduce taxable values in Seward and Nemaha.

The counties now complained of by assessors and railroad tax commissioners on account of low land values, are Adams, York, Fillmore, Polk, Otoe, Jefferson, Pawnee, Sarpy, Nuckolls, Wayne, Cuming, Colfax, Butler, Saline, Lancaster, Hamilton, Cass, Thayer, Johnson, Richardson, Clay, Dixon, Dakota, Platte, Boone, Knox, Pierce, Keith, Lincoln, Deuel, Cheyenne and Box Butte.

This will not end the list because the state board will go over the entire list of ninety-two counties and select others which may be deemed to have under assessed lands or other property and the assessor or county boards of each county in the list will be cited to appear before the state board and explain why their assessed values should not be increased.

An increase of assessed valuation imposed upon a county does not necessarily mean that people in the county will pay more taxes than last year. If assessed values are increased, the county levies may be reduced so that taxpayers may possibly not pay more taxes than they did last year. If the increase reported by county assessing officers is sufficient to justify the state board in reducing the state levy it will do so and cut down the levy of 6 1/2 mills of last year for state purposes.

The state board desires to have property assessed as near the full value as possible. Then levies can be made accordingly.

FILE INCORPORATION ARTICLES.

The Coleman Aviation association of Omaha has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The association is incorporated by Rupert F. Coleman and Peter Lock and has a paid up capital stock of \$5,000. The object of the association is to buy flying crafts and to give exhibitions.

SECOND REGIMENT ENCAMPMENT.

Adjutant General Phelps returned from Grand Island after holding a conference with the Grand Island people regarding the location of the annual encampment of the Second regiment of the Nebraska guard this year. He was met at Grand Island by Colonel Paul of the Second and he inspected the grounds where the people there are offering free of charge. The grounds lie two miles northwest of the city on a horse ranch which contains an auto speed track, and is on the Platte valley bottom. Plenty of good water can be secured and a good field for the maneuvers. The encampment will be held August 23 and the hospital corps of Lincoln will participate in the encampment.

DULL COURT SEASON.

The summer is a decidedly dull time of year in United States district court. With all judges of Lincoln district on their vacations and a large number of lawyers also out of the city, there is only an occasional filing in the clerk's office. Court will not convene until about the first of October.

NEW STATION ORDERED.

The railway commission has ordered the Burlington road to enlarge its station at Crawford and rearrange its station ground and tracks in such a manner as to provide safe and convenient approaches to its station for the traveling public. The decision of the commission was prepared by Commissioner H. J. Wainett. The railroad company is required to file plans for a new enlarged station and required to complete the improvements by June 1, 1913.

NEW RAIL COMPANY FORMED.

Articles of incorporation of a new railroad to be known as the Hastings & Northwestern Railway company were filed in the office of the secretary of state. The road will run from Hastings to Gibbon, about thirty miles, and will connect with the Union Pacific at the latter place. The road company is supposed to be back of the move.

THE CUDAHY PACKING COMPANY WILL PUT UP A \$350,000 MEAT HOUSE IN SOUTH OMAHA.

HANSEN BACK ON JOB.

Food Commissioner Hansen and Chemist Redfern, returned from their trip to Seattle Saturday, where they attended the meeting of the food inspectors of the country. Mr. Hansen reports an especially interesting session and expects a much better system of laws throughout the country as a result of the meeting. He was especially pleased with a well prepared paper read by Mr. Wallis of Idaho, a newspaper man, on the "Press," and says that it will be published later.

THE NEBRASKA CONVENTIONS

TAFT FORCES LOSE CONTESTS—ROOSEVELT MEN PROCEED WITH ORGANIZATION.

ALDRICH PLACED IN CHAIR

Break Follows When Governor Rules Out of Order a Motion to Indorse National Administration—The President's Followers to Number of 150 Bolt Amid Turbulent Scenes.

Lincoln, Neb., July 30.—Republicans of Nebraska parted company today, holding two distinct district conventions, adopting opposite declarations of principles, selecting two state central committees and paved the way for two state tickets to be voted for in November.

The break came following the seating by the executive committee of the old state central committee of a majority of the progressive delegates whose seats had been contested by the followers of President Taft. This action gave the Roosevelt progressive faction control of the convention. The progressives thereupon selected Gov. Aldrich chairman, and one of his first rulings was to declare out of order a resolution declaring the test of republicanism to be fealty to the national ticket. This ruling caused an uproar and protests, and when Chairman Aldrich insisted on adhering to it the Taft delegates to the number of something over 150, more than half their total strength in the convention, it was claimed, left the hall to the accompaniment of jeers and cheering by the progressives. As they marched out the contesting progressive delegates who had been unseated by the report of the committee marched in and took their places.

BRYAN FACTION TRIUMPHS.

Winner in Nebraska Democratic Convention.

Grand Island, Neb., July 30.—The W. J. Bryan faction triumphed in the Democratic state convention to the extent that W. H. Thompson, a Bryan man, was elected chairman of the state central committee over the present chairman, John C. Byrnes, who was a candidate for re-election. The vote was close, Thompson receiving 478 votes and Byrnes, 428. Changes following roll call increased the majority of Thompson slightly. The anti-Bryan men accepted defeat gracefully and declared their loyalty to the ticket.

NEBRASKA POPULISTS.

Aurora, Neb., July 30.—Inroducing the Democratic national ticket and portions of the state Democratic ticket and passing a resolution commending the action of W. J. Bryan at the Baltimore convention, the populist state convention adjourned here this afternoon after being in session a little over two hours. The state central committee was reorganized with fifteen members, two from each congressional district and three at large, and a series of resolutions recommending reforms passed. Among the new measures indorsed by the resolution were the direct election of president and an amendment to the constitution providing for the abolition of the electoral college.

Drys in Convention.

Lincoln, Neb., July 30.—Nebraska Prohibitionists to the number of fifty held their state convention here today, selected a state committee, made provisions for representation on the ballot in the November election and adopted a platform in harmony with the declarations of the national convention. The night session was given over to speech making. Aaron Watkins, candidate for vice president, being the principal speaker.

OF INTEREST TO PARENTS.

A beauty expert says slapping the face is good for the complexion. Household economy dictates a radical change in the method of spanking girl babies so that they may grow up with no need of the costly ministrations of the beauty doctor.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

WHEN CANARY CAME INTO EUROPE.

The canary was introduced into Europe as a cage bird in the latter part of the fifteenth or early part of the sixteenth century, and has now spread all over the civilized world.

Never! No, Never!

A woman never puts off till tomorrow what she can say today.—Life.

Wonderful Metropolis.

There are in London more Scotsmen than in Aberdeen, more Irish than in Dublin, more Jews than in Palestine, and more Roman Catholics than in Rome.

Dirt Eaters Everywhere.

The practice of eating dirt has been traced by a scientific authority to people in every part of the world. That hunger which leads a man to want the earth is characteristic of no one nation.